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SENATE BILL

No. 1987

**Introduced by Senators Vasconcellos, McPherson, and
Polanco**

February 25, 2000

An act to add Section 3069 to the Penal Code, relating to parolees, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1987, as amended, Vasconcellos. Parolees: substance abuse treatment and employment training.

Existing law provides for a parolee substance abuse treatment plan and for a preventing parolee crime program, as specified.

This bill would appropriate ~~\$11,925,000~~ \$4,000,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Corrections for *the first fiscal year of* a 3-year demonstration project *created by the bill*, the purpose of which is to provide substance abuse treatment services and parallel employment preparation training, as specified, to felons who are to be paroled.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 3069 is added to the Penal Code,
2 to read:

3 3069. (a) (1) A highly structured employment
4 preparation program shall be offered by the Department
5 of Corrections as an in-prison parallel service to enhance
6 ~~current substance abuse treatment services. Training~~
7 ~~existing substance abuse treatment services.~~
8 *Employment training services will be provided to*
9 *persons already participating in substance abuse*
10 *treatment programs administered by the Department of*
11 *Corrections. Training shall be provided by employment*
12 *training, placement, and retention and reentry specialists*
13 ~~in collaboration with substance abuse treatment~~
14 ~~providers.~~ The comprehensive continuum of care shall
15 continue as the offender transitions back to the
16 community. Services shall be provided by agencies
17 approved by the department to parolees and in-custody
18 offenders who are to be paroled to designated locations.

19 (2) The in-custody employment preparation training
20 shall be provided by job training and placement
21 providers for at least five hours per week for in-custody
22 offenders that are 180 days from release and shall include,
23 but not be limited to, the following:

24 (A) Vocational assessment and skills identification.

25 (B) Life skills training to include goal setting, resume
26 development, and job seeking and retention skills.

27 (b) (1) Once the parolee makes the transition back to
28 the community, services shall be provided to the parolee
29 ~~in both a residential and a community employment~~
30 ~~training, placement and retention service setting.~~
31 Services shall include integrated case management
32 serving the parolees' ~~substance abuse treatment, through~~
33 ~~recidivism reduction programs, including employment~~
34 ~~preparation, and job placement and retention needs.~~

35 (2) (A) When appropriate, a parolee shall obtain
36 ~~extensive assistance~~ *recidivism reduction services* at a
37 community employment facility that ~~offers~~ *includes* the
38 following services:

1 (i) Relapse prevention and recovery services,
2 *including drug use prevention and other recidivism*
3 *retention measures.*

4 (ii) Vocational assessment and career counseling.

5 (iii) Assistance in obtaining transitional supportive
6 services, including, but not limited to, housing,
7 transportation, meals, work clothing, and tools.

8 (iv) Job development and placement services.

9 (v) Job retention services.

10 (vi) Postemployment services.

11 (vii) Monitoring at 30, 60, 90, 120, or 180 days.

12 (B) The enhanced substance abuse services shall be
13 located at four community employment settings, two in
14 northern California and two in southern California.

15 (c) The Department of Corrections shall conduct a
16 study to determine the impact of the program of
17 *enhanced* substance abuse treatment services and
18 parallel employment preparation training, placement,
19 and retention services on parolee stability, employment
20 retention, and recidivism, and a cost-benefit analysis. The
21 department shall report its findings to the Legislature by
22 July 1, 2004.

23 (d) (1) The program of *enhanced* substance abuse
24 treatment services and parallel employment preparation
25 training, placement, and retention services shall be a
26 demonstration project that shall start on April 1, 2001, and
27 shall continue for three years.

28 (2) The program of *enhanced* substance abuse
29 treatment services and parallel employment services
30 shall serve at least 500 parolees the first year, 3,000
31 parolees the second year, and 4,000 parolees in the third
32 and final year.

33 (3) The partnership of enhanced substance abuse
34 treatment services and parallel employment services
35 shall cost no more than one thousand five hundred *dollars*
36 (\$1,500) per participant.

37 SEC. 2. The sum of ~~eleven million nine hundred~~
38 ~~twenty five thousand dollars (\$11,925,000)~~ *four million*
39 *dollars (\$4,000,000)* is hereby appropriated from the
40 General Fund to the Department of Corrections Office

1 of Substance Abuse Programs for the purposes of this act,
2 without regard to fiscal year, according to the following
3 schedule:

4 (a) Eight hundred twenty five thousand dollars
5 (\$825,000) for the first year of the demonstration project
6 in order to serve 500 participants.

7 (b) Four million eight hundred thousand dollars
8 (\$4,800,000) for the second year of the demonstration
9 project in order to serve 3,000 participants.

10 (c) Six million three hundred thousand dollars
11 (\$6,300,000) for the third and final year of the
12 demonstration project in order to serve 4,000
13 participants. of Corrections, Parole and Community
14 Services Division for the implementation of this act in the
15 first year of the program. It is the intent of the Legislature
16 that funding for subsequent years will be obtained
17 through the budget process.

